

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

That I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**POWDER COATED STRAP AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

the specification of which (check one)

- (x) is attached hereto.  
( ) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No.  
and was amended \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

That I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

That I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☐  
Yes

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No

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes

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No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

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That I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

United States Application(s)

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned)

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(Filing Date)

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That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to WELSH & KATZ, LTD., 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Telephone No. (312) 655-1500:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Dave Fredericksen, 228 Jennifer Lane, #5, Palatine, IL 60067; Al Suopys, 807 Jefferson Drive, Lindenhurst, IL 60046; Jim Nelson 1121 Kings Point Court, Naperville, IL 60563; Max Zimbicki, \_\_\_\_\_; Christopher Merritt, 3945 East 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060; and Dennis Rocheleau, 10441 Woodhill Boulevard, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044, invented certain new and useful improvements in **POWDER COATED STRAP AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**, and have executed an application for United States Letters Patent, and

WHEREAS, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Cook County, Illinois 60025, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and in to and under all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand and paid by said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, said Dave Fredericksen, Al Suopys, Jim Nelson, Max Zimbicki, Christopher Merritt, and Dennis Rocheleau, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns, for, within and throughout the United States and the territories thereof, and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under said application, and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted for said invention and improvements, including divisions, reissues, subdivisions, continuations and prolongations of such applications and Letters Patent, to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said

Letters Patent for said invention may issue, and further, including the right to ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., to file in its name applications for Letters Patent to said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States including the full right to claim for any such applications the priority benefits of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and other priority conferring treaties, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof.

We do hereby covenant and agree, for ourselves, our heirs and our legal representatives, that we will assist said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that we will execute and deliver to said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., any and all additional papers that may be requested by said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. to fully carry out the terms of this assignment.

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted pursuant to application aforesaid, or for said invention, to said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns in accordance with this assignment.

And we hereby covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

_____ Date	_____ Dave Fredericksen
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_____ Date	_____ Dennis Rocheleau